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News Notes

Local Candidates running

Twenty-one persons who live or work in the Capitol East area are running for posts in the May 7 primary. The slate led by Channing Phillips and Flaxie Pinkett -- which supports Robert F. Kennedy for president -- includes six local candidates: Mary Lanier, Rev. Charles S. Williams, Daniel I. Fivel, Samuel F. H. Smith, Lola J. Singletary, and Nadine Winter.

The John Immer independent Democratic slate includes three local persons: Byron N. Scott, Janis E. N. Scott and Walter A. Gray.

The pro-Administration Democratic slate headed by E. Franklin Jackson has two: Bryant Harris and Wilhelmina Payne.

On the Republican side, the Breuninger-Guarino ticket includes nine Capitol East residents: Frank Milner, Minnie P. Hackney, Henry A. Lange, Edward George Post, S. White Rhyne Jr., Columbia B. Scott, VanDyke A. Walker, Dr. Lanxter Derr Webber, and John Luther Whitehead.

The Shipley - Hahn slate has one: Mrs. Kathryn E. Bowers and the Satterlee GOP slate has none.

New pool design

The District has developed a new plan for the Near SE indoor-outdoor pool which it expects to submit to the Fine Arts Commission in the near future. The Commission rejected earlier sketches. The new design has a rectangular facade with large quantities of glass that can be rolled back during pleasant weather. An estimated 480 persons can use the two pools at one time.

The plan was well received by representatives of the Capitol Hill Community Council, the Emergency Recreation Council and the Capitol Hill Restoration Society who viewed it last month.

The new design sketches were drawn by Eugene Delmar and James Hilleary who were architects for the Transportation Dept. building at 6th & D SW. Delmar also was responsible for the design of Goding School, 9th & F NE.

Police reserve planned

The Fifth Precinct is planning to establish a 200-man auxiliary police reserve using local residents. Members would undergo training and work alongside regular officers. Precinct officials feel the plan will ease the police workload here and will improve police-community relations. Those interested are asked to call officers Cephas or Fulwood at 626-2375.

'Black Dragon' coming

"Ballad of the Black Dragon," a play based on the life of Frederick Douglass, will be presented at St. Mark's, 301 A SE, on May 10, 11, and 12. The play was written by C. P. Gabel and adapted by Jay Williams, who plays the role of Douglass. For tickets call any of the following numbers: LI 3-0053, 547-7424 or 544-5400.

Ninth slows crime rate

The Ninth Precinct had its lowest crime rate increase in many months during March. Crime climbed only one-tenth of one percent compared with March 1967. Meanwhile, the Fifth continued to knock down the crime rate within its borders. This March's figures were 18.9% lower than in March 1967.

There was, however, a noticeable jump in robberies in both precincts.

Riot Losses Here Are Counted In Millions

Capitol East Picks Up the Pieces



SEVERAL DAYS OF rioting resulted in more than \$3 million worth of property damage and several deaths in Capitol East following the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., April 4. In the vicinity of H St. NE alone some 124 commercial establishments and 52 residential units were damaged, with property damage running close to \$2 million. Another 21 business establishments were damaged on or near 8th St.

The destruction did not end with the quelling of the riot and the removal of federal troops who had guarded the area after being called in by city officials. Sporadic arson occurred, primarily along H St., doing hundreds of thousands of dollars additional damage.

But as the month came to an end the violence subsided and Capitol East began picking up the pieces. Reactions to the disturbance varied from the intense anger of many white merchants at the failure of police to shoot looters to the feeling on the part of some community leaders that a new opportunity had been created to correct old economic and social wrongs in Capitol East. At a meeting of the Near NE

Business and Professional Council, one H St. businessman told Public Safety Director Patrick Murphy he was either "blind or stupid" not to have known early in the disturbance that it was going to get much worse and for failing to take more drastic action. Murphy strongly defended police restraint in the use of firearms. Another businessman at that meeting, however, was Milton Hoffman -- whose Art Young's clothing store was burned in the riot. Hoffman proposed a one percent of gross sales contribution by businesses to be used for community projects.

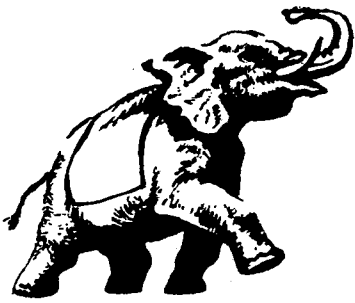
Several community groups testified at District Council hearings on ways to rebuild damaged areas. The Near NE Group Ministry and the Near NE Federation issued a statement in which they said "one of our primary concerns is the retention of money earned in the Near NE and the District. We are committed to the goal of keeping the profits close to the people and within the community that has enabled them."

The groups also urged the development of a multi-service shopping center in Near NE.

The damage -- most apparent along H St. -- in-
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Capitol East Republicans

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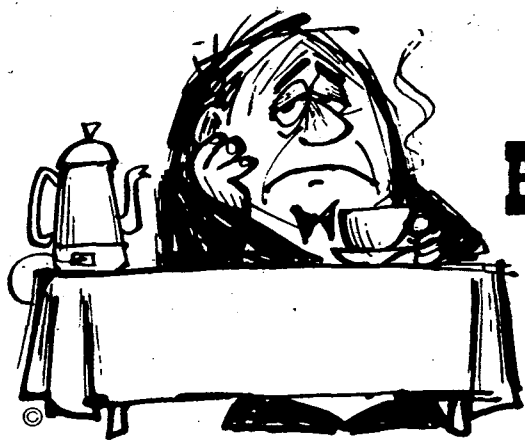
NINE CANDIDATES from Capitol East* on the Breuninger-Guarino ticket for the District of Columbia Republican Committee:

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HENRY A. LANGE, 310 North Carolina Ave. SE
EDWARD GEORGE POST, 144 Eleventh St. SE
S. WHITE RHYNE, Jr., 508 Third St. SE
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DR. LANXTER DERR WEBBER, 1438 G ST. SE
JOHN LUTHER WHITEHEAD, 236 Massachusetts Ave NE

* Only one Capitol East candidate on the Shipley-Hahn "palace politician" slate. None at all on the Satterlee slate.

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Early Today

*Views From Over
the First Cup*

Rebuilding the ghetto'

THE TALK NOW is of "rebuilding the ghetto." It is one of those phrases that tells much more about those in power than they would like to admit or want us to know. In truth, if the traditional economic, social and political forces operated unhindered, that is precisely what will happen. The ghetto will be rebuilt, with new buildings to be sure, but with the old injustices, exploitations and discriminations that have always been there.

That is why those who have been urging the city to halt mechanisms that will rush the return of the old order speak wisely. There must be time for the community to think, study and plan alternatives to the ways of the past and there must be given to the community the right to determine the ways of the future.

There have been a number of thoughtful proposals already put forward. The plan offered by Pride, Inc., for example contains a number of excellent ideas. There are groups that have been meeting in this area to develop plans

for H St. And individuals have come up with interesting and novel suggestions, such as Milton Hoffman of Art Young's clothing store, who suggested a voluntary contribution to the community of one percent of local businesses' gross sales.

There are many questions to be considered. (Please turn to page 10)

The Gazette

THE CAPITOL EAST GAZETTE is published each month for the benefit of Washingtonians living in Capitol East. The Gazette may be received by mail for \$3.00 a year. Home delivery (where available): 10¢ a month.

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LAWRENCE HALPRIN demonstrates that he knows something about basketball as well as landscape architecture as he balances ball on one finger while talking to youths at the Bryan Playground. The Lila Wallace Fund has given \$20,000 to improve the area around the playground at the Near SE school and Halprin, picked as consulting architect, wanted some expert advice. So one Saturday morning last month he visited the playground and talked extensively with youths there. They made several suggestions --including building a place to dance and expanding the basketball area. That's District Councilwoman Polly Shackleton at left.

Touring With Marcia Feldman

Pens But No Ink At Court

ONE NEEDN'T BE a lawyer to appreciate the SUPREME COURT (1st and E. Capitol). The building alone is sufficiently striking. The classical facade of gleaming white marble may be viewed best from the Capitol grounds

topped with elaborate Corinthian capitals. Above is the motto "Equal Justice Under Law" and an enormous sculpted pediment. There are tours of the building every day except Sunday during May, although the Court sits only five days this month.

The Supreme Court has been called America's special contribution to political theory -- a court given final power to decide disputes between the citizen and his government. Cases come to it from the court systems of the fifty states, from the eleven Federal Courts of Appeals and sometimes from lower Federal Courts. Several thousand cases are brought before the Court each year, and the nine Justices select about 150 to hear and review.

Of necessity, the public may see only a fraction of this lengthy process: oral arguments and decisions. There are impressive, sometimes historic, procedures, but more impressive still is the time-consuming and difficult

task of decision-making each Justice undertakes by himself.

The Supreme Court is also a repository of tradition. Although formal clothes are no longer required for lawyers appearing here (the Solicitor General of the United States and his staff are the only ones to appear in cutaways and striped trousers), fresh quill pens, but no ink, continue to be placed on the lawyers' tables every day. Souvenirs, it is refreshing to note, are appreciated even on such elevated planes.

During May, there are free guided tours Monday through Friday, 9:30 am to 4 pm. On Saturdays, tours are given 9:30 -- 11:30 am. They begin in the Marshall's office, Room 114. The

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Gazette Notes

Roland Freeman

SEVERAL OF THE photographs in this issue were taken by Roland Freeman, a Capitol East freelance photographer whose pictures of last month's riots have also appeared in the local daily press and the U. S. News and World Report.

The photograph on the front of last month's issue was also by Freeman, but we unfortunately failed to identify it.

Greg Lawrence

GREG LAWRENCE, whose feature articles on various aspects of Capitol East life have appeared regularly in the Gazette, is off with his wife Fran on a round-the-world knap-sack tour. We expect him to become our first foreign correspondent if he ever gets past San Francisco.

Space is short

SEVERAL GAZETTE features, including the Idler and Charlie McDowell are omitted this month so we could give more space to coverage of last month's riot.

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News Notes

Council to meet

THE Capitol East Leadership Council meets May 14 at Keller Church, 9th & Md. NE, at 8 pm. The April meeting was postponed because of the riot curfew. The Council expects to take up the April agenda and to discuss post-riot problems in Capitol East. The head of any civic group, church, political organization or block club or social agency in the area may attend the meeting, or send an alternate.

Army band plays

THE Army band played at Peabody School over Easter vacation. The students at Peabody also are taking part in a landscaping project outside the school at 5th & C NE. Grass and azaleas have been planted and worms added to the soil.

Mrs. LBJ visits school

MRS. Lyndon Johnson visited the Buchanan School in SE last month to see progress on the Buchanan Plaza. The project, one of Mrs. Johnson's local beautification efforts, is being constructed thanks to a grant of \$390,000 from the Astor Foundation. The Plaza will be dedicated this month and will feature a amphitheater where students can dance, roller skate and even ice skate in the winter. Dedication of the Plaza is set for May 14.

New youth center

THE Washington Coliseum is scheduled to open this month as a round-the-clock youth center under a program sponsored by the Washington Board of Trade.

The Coliseum, which is located at 3rd & M NE, will be primarily used for programs aimed at youths 15 and younger.

Capitol Hill Tour Is May 12th



THIS is the home of Mrs. Clair Engle, wife of the late California Senator, at 434 N. J. SE, one of a dozen homes on this year's Capitol Hill House Tour sponsored by the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, to be held May 12. For details see calendar, back page, under May 12.

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tour hours on May 6, 20 and 27 and may be checked by calling EX 3-1640. On these three days the Court will read decisions and admit lawyers to the bar of the Supreme Court. The proceedings get underway at 10 am and continue until 2:30 pm with a half hour off at noon.

The FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY (201 E. Capitol) is to Shakespeare buffs what an untended ice cream store is to a small boy. The library contains the world's largest collection of Shakespeareana, which it houses in an Elizabethan exhibition hall. More than this, it is a museum of 16th and 17th Century British history and culture and of theatrical history through the 19th century. There's a full scale replica of a 17th century English playhouse with its three-tiered stage and a scale model of the Globe

Theater where many of Shakespeare's plays were first produced.

Props from famous interpretations of the Bard's works are displayed: David Garrick's "Hamlet" prompt book, Edwin Booth's mace from "Macbeth," and Romney's portrait of Lady Hamilton as Titania in "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream." Changing exhibits highlight various aspects of life during the reign of the first Elizabeth. Only the reference library is closed to tourists.

The Library is open without charge every day except Sunday and holidays from 10 am to 4:30 pm. A small shop sells postcards, reproductions and other memorabilia. For information call LI 6-4800.

John Anthony Named To Model Cities Group

JOHN ANTHONY, president of the Public Interest Civic Assoc. and critic of the District's Model Cities planning procedures to date, has been named to the Commissioner's adhoc committee on Model Cities. Other Capitol East residents named were: Mrs. Jane Boyd, Mrs. Myrtle Swinton, and the Rev. Burt Wood. The group is planning for citizen participation in the program.

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far left in the photo. In the circle right
on 7th St. NW.



Above, troops march down H St. NE. At right, police search
persons found looting the new Safeway at 8th & C
NE early on the morning of April 6. Many of those ap -
prehended no doubt thought they were headed
for the cellblock and photo below shows reaction when police
freed the entire group.



d here. . .

Smoldering remains of a building on
arson was reported in Near SE
(below) was burned out. Also dam-
er, the building on the
om, a fire breaks out in a building



At left, a Marine on 8th St. SE
tells photographer to put camera
away and get off the street.



SE Road Illegal?**Freeway Foes Press Fight**

FOES OF THE District freeway construction program are investigating the possibility of legal action against projects not included in a recent court order halting much expressway construction in the city. The order -- which said the District had failed to follow the law in building the superroads-- did not cover several projects, including the SE Freeway from 6th St. to Barney Circle. This road will cut across one of the last large remaining pieces of undeveloped open space in the city. These projects were not included in the suit that resulted in the court order. It is likely, however, that the same principles of law apply to these projects and the Emergency Committee on the Transportation Crisis, which has led the anti-freeway fight here, is looking into the opportunity for further action.

The Committee also hopes for a new vote in the National Capital Planning Commission on the freeway question. The freeways were narrowly approved by the Commission after the National Park Service representative made an agreement with the DC Highway Department on the use of parkland for road construction. Freeway foes feel they now have a majority of support on the Commission and that, anyway, a vote would flush out Commissioner Walter Washington who has been attempting to maintain an ambiguous position on the matter. Washington has proposed legislation that would permit the completion of projects currently well underway but require public hearings before finally deciding other freeway routes. The bill also would allow bonus payments to homeowners for houses torn down for the roads.

Although Washington claims that his measure is an improvement over pending congressional legislation that would force the District to complete all planned freeways, critics argue that it will have the same result. They note that the public hearings are for the purpose of determining routes and not for deciding whether or not there should be any more freeways in the District. Further, they point out that no public hearings would be required for the completion of projects such as the center leg or Capitol East's SE (Please turn to page 9)

Southeast Club Goes Co-op

SOME OF THE members of the Thrifty Savers Club shown at a recent meeting at the Arthur Capper Dwellings, along with a few of the items they have purchased at a savings through the Capitol Hill Buyer's Club, a cooperative venture. Left to right are Annie B. Jewell, Lurina Washington and Mabel Simms. Interested residents of Capper can order through the club. Call the treasurer at 547-8834.

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NE Youth Hits Police Arrest

JAMES WITCHER, A NE youth worker, charged last month that he was injured by 9th Precinct patrolman after being arrested following an altercation in the Ko-Ko Club, 8th & H NE. Witcher claimed he was roughed up as he was being placed in a patrol wagon and that he was thrown against a wall in the 9th Precinct and kicked by officers there.

Witcher, who has been working at the Near NE Youth Center at 1335 H NE, addressed a meeting of the Near NE Business and Professional Council 12 hours before the incident. Sharing the platform was Public Safety Director Patrick Murphy. Witcher has filed a complaint against two white officers.

FREEWAY Cont'd

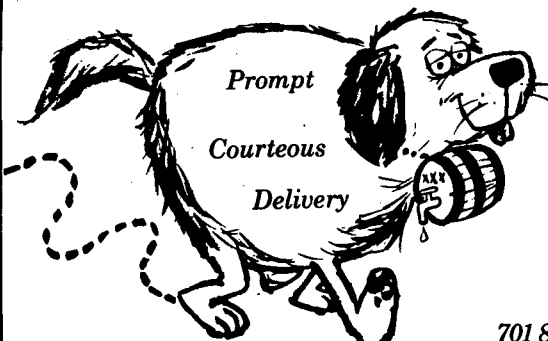
Freeway. Finally, they claim that the extra-payment provision is a bribe to homeowners in the path of the freeways to consent to their construction. If the city were really sincere, critics say, it would separate the payment issue from the freeway issue and apply the payment formula to all cases of acquisition by eminent domain, such as the purchase of homes for school sites.

The Emergency Committee outlined its position at a lengthy meeting last month with Commissioner Washington and the District Council. Afterwards, it was learned that at least one councilman had significantly altered his previous position of support of the freeways.



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YOUTHS attempt to kick in door of bus in Near SE during last month's riot.



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WE mourn the death April 7 of John Layton, a man who gave unstintingly to the community, who served Northeast in many roles as a friend, leader, and hard worker for youth and the general community. John died as he lived, while assisting the poor and the troubled. He used his last strength to help bring food to the hungry.

THERE is much to do in our Capitol East. There is more urgency than ever before in the work to better our community. There is more need than ever before to unify our community, help our youth, to work towards the end of poverty and to put our community on the move. We must all work harder than ever before, and in this work the dedicated strength and steadfastness of John Layton will be sorely missed.

AMONG the many recognitions given this outstanding man was the position of Vice Chairman for Northeast of the Emergency Recreation Council for Capitol East. We all mourn his passing.

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WHEN police found a group in and about the People's Drug Store at Lincoln Park, they forced those present into the store, then tear gassed it. Here a man leaves the store in a cloud of gas. There were other reports of questionable use of tear gas. A looted corner store in Near SE was left unguarded but gassed several times to prevent additional stealing. The fumes filled nearby homes of the Arthur Capper Dwellings causing considerable discomfort and some illness to residents. Generally, however, police restraint was credited with preventing a dangerous escalation of the disturbance. For pictures of how police handled another looting incident, see page 6.

Summer Park Plan Unveiled

THE NATIONAL PARK Service has unveiled an extensive "Summer in the Parks" plan that could, if it goes off on schedule, provide a substantial increase in recreational opportunity in this area.

The NPS intends to make the east bank of the Anacostia River the main center of activity, offering swimming, baseball, skill and hobby tents, entertainment, playground equipment and facilities for older persons.

The Park Service is also asking communities to select one neighborhood park to be used for summer programs

and mobile recreation units.

There are plans for shuttle bus service to bring people to the play areas, but these seem somewhat questionable since the Park Service is having difficulty lining up busses that it can use.

Among the programs suggested for the community parks are these: performing platform with lights, exhibition and instruction in sports, concerts, jazzmobile, and puppet shows.

The NPS recently revealed its summer aspirations to a group of community leaders and asked for their support in developing programs and finding logistical support for them.

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sidered. What is the proper mixture of business and residential units on H St.? How can black-owned and community-owned businesses prosper in Capitol East rather than be the economic orphans of the area? Can effective competition to Safeway be found? How could cooperatives be started? Should some of the destroyed areas of H St. be turned into recreation centers? What lessons can be learned for this community from the efforts of Chicago's Operation Breadbasket, which has markedly increased black employment, business ownership and income on the South Side?

One of the hazards of the sort of instant urban renewal caused by a riot is that the land clearing precedes the planning. After it is over, those in the best financial and political position to take advantage of the situation do so and the government often becomes the silent partner in the deal. There are signs that the District government will follow this route. It is hard to have faith in officials who have so completely ignored the people's wishes on matters such as the freeways and who have not even bothered to take advantage of the rent supplement program.

But it is not too late for Walter Washington to realize the futility of toadying to the Board of Trade, the White House and the congressional neanderthals and start representing the people. He could do so most effectively by making clear that his government does not intend to subsidize the rebuilding of the ghetto, but rather determines to build new communities planned and approved by those who live in them.

John Layton

JOHN LAYTON WAS an exceptional man and an exceptional friend. Although in his fifties, he easily found the bridge across the generation gap and made all of us who knew him younger for it. It's ironic that it was his heart that failed him, for in every sense except biologically, his heart was as big and robust as one could hope to find.

-- sam smith

Anderson Reelected

REV. JESSE ANDERSON has been reelected chairman of the Near SE Neighborhood Planning Council.

Mrs. V. Wilkerson has been elected vice chairman and Eric Von Cole has been elected youth representative.

Forty-eight persons attended the election meeting.

The major problem facing the new officers is the threatened cutback in summer funds for youth programs throughout the city.

In Capitol East alone, planning council officials have been told to expect a cut of over \$100,000. Last summer's programs were well received here and there is considerable dismay about the cuts.

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RIOT Cont'd

licated a certain selectivity on the part of rioters. Most Negro establishments -- with large "Soul Brother" signs plastered on windows and walls -- were left alone. So were private social agencies and public offices such as anti-poverty centers. The Southeast Enrichment Center was burned out, but that fire was the result of one started next door in a uniform shop. Governor Ronald Reagan of California visited the center less than three hours before it burned.

The violence reached its peak Friday night, April 5, as flames shot into the sky from fires set in buildings along H St. Another major fire, at 16th & F NE, engulfed an ice plant and a supermarket and threatened to spread to an ammonia storage tank nearby.

Damage in Near SE was much more restricted than in Near NE. Eighth St. and the stores in the vicinity of 15th & Independence Ave. were the most heavily hit.

The 7th St. SE shopping area was largely left alone.

Safeways were popular targets throughout Capitol East. One exception was the Super Safeway at 14th & Ky. SE which was open for business the Sunday after the riot. Customers fell into long lines to buy food at one of the few markets still in business. Another spared chain store was the A & P at 12th & Pa. SE. A large sign in the window noted: "Soul Management."

Little personal violence was reported in this area and the deaths that occurred were due to persons becoming trapped in burning buildings or -- in one case -- to a wall falling on a man. John

Market Day Sets Record Despite It All



Despite postponement because of the riot, and a suspicious fire (see left photo) at Friendship House on the day of the event itself, Market Day netted over \$3000 on April 20, a record for this annual fair sponsored by the Circle-on-the-Hill for FH. A rapid turnover of tacos (see right photo) helped boost the total of the fair, which had a Mexican theme this year.

Layton, Near NE community leader and longtime worker with neighborhood youths, suffered a fatal heart attack after working nearly 24 hours giving out food to needy persons.

With the arrival of federal troops, H St. was sealed off, with only military, police and fire personnel permitted in the area. Platoons of soldiers from the 6th Armored Cavalry guarded the devastated remains of what had once been Capitol East's busiest business district.

On 8th St. SE, Marines stood guard with fixed bayonets to prevent looting. And under the dome of the Capitol itself, machine guns were mounted, adding a final grim touch to the military occupation of the District.

At times, however, an almost festive mood prevailed here as small children, teenagers and adults made off with

bounty from looted stores. In some cases, parents sent their children to rummage in stores that had been broken into. In SE, a white woman babysat two Negro children while their older sister was out collecting spoils.

As the situation calmed down, local churches, settlement houses and anti-poverty centers began moving to to provide for those left without shelter, food or clothing.

Perhaps the most unusual precaution taken against damage during the riot was that devised by construction workers on the SE Freeway. A small trailer-mounted compressor engine was lifted by a crane several stories into the air and left dangling out of reach.

Although the days following the riot brought a torrent of analysis, comment, and recrimination in the community,

perhaps the best epilogue to the April weekend that shook Capitol East last month is contained in some cold statistics about the community that have been compiled by government agencies:

■ Over 25% of the labor force in NE and Near SE is either unemployed, earning less than \$3000 a year or employed only parttime.

■ Over half of all adults living in Capitol East west of 15th St. have 8 years of schooling or less.

■ And 27% of the housing units in Capitol East west of 15th St. were considered dilapidated or deteriorating as of the 1960 census. The situation has not markedly improved since then.

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Capitol East Calendar

MAY

Calendar listings should be received at the Gazette office, 109 8th NE (543-5850), no later than the 20th of the month. Events marked with a star are of particular interest to the community.

2nd

NEAR NE CITIZENS ADVISORY Council. Meeting. 1328 Fla. Ave. NE. (Every first Thurs.) 8 pm.

6th

PUBLIC INTEREST CIVIC ASSOC. Meeting. Calvary Church, 6th & I NE. (Every first Monday) 8 pm.

7th

★PRIMARY ELECTION DAY. If you are registered, be sure that you vote today!

DISTRICT COUNCIL. Meeting. District Bldg. 14th & E NW. 10 am.

CONTINUING EVENTS

★THE D. C. PUBLIC Health Dept. is conducting a free rabies inoculation clinic for dogs 6 to 8 pm on May 2 and 3 and from 9 to noon on May 4. The nearest clinic locations are at Spingarn School, 24th & Benning NE and at Randall Junior High School, 1st & I SW.

THE POLICE DEPT. has a mobile recruiting trailer across the street from Spingarn School at Benning and Old Dominion NE. The trailer will be there through late May. The Dept. is seeking applicants between 21 - 29 years old,

in good health, and with a high school or a certificate of equivalency. The trailer is open 8 am to 8 pm Monday through Saturday. Interested persons need bring no papers for the initial interview.

★THE D. C. PUBLIC Health Dept. is running a free health clinic for persons 40 years or older at 12th & G SE (Salvation Army parking lot) during May. The thirty-minute checkup will include tests for chronic diseases. To make appointment call 629-4014 or 629-2788.

8th

CIRCLE-ON-THE-HILL. Meeting. Election of officers, vote on new by-laws and discussion of summer programs. Friendship House, 619 D SE. 8 pm.

9th

BENEFIT DANCE for Friendship House sponsored by the Congressional Circle. \$40 a couple. General and Mrs. Leonard F. Chapman (he's the Marine Corps Commandant) are the honorary sponsors. Mrs. John Hogan is chairman. Dinner will be served. For details call LI 7-3785 or 547-8880.

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Shoreham Hotel is the location. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT Corp. Meeting. 1328 Fla. Ave. NE. 8 pm.

10th

★"BALLAD OF THE BLACK DRAGON" Play based on the life of Frederick Douglass written by C. P. Gabel and adapted by Jay Williams. Jay Williams stars. Ticket information: LI 3-0053, 547-7424, 544-5400. St. Mark's Church, 301 A SE. 8:30 pm each evening through May 12.

11th

★"BALLAD OF THE BLACK DRAGON" See May 10th listing.

12th

★CAPITOL HILL HOUSE TOUR. Sponsored by the Capitol Hill Restoration Society. Twelve homes are on the tour this year for which tickets are on sale at the Emporium, 327 Penna. SE, through the mail at #8 7th SE, or at any of the homes on the day of the tour. Tea will be served at St. James Episcopal Church, 222 8th St. NE. Among the homes are: town house of Rep. and Mrs. Roger Morton, home of Mrs. Clair Engle, home of Beau Bogan (one of the earliest in area featuring period antiques and paintings), the recently restored home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reich and the new townhouse of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fenton. 2 to 4 pm. Information: 544-2888.

★"BALLAD OF THE BLACK DRAGON" See May 10th listing.

13th

CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY. Meeting. (Every 2nd Mon.) Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church. 4th & Ind. SE. 8 pm.

14th

★CAPITOL EAST LEADERSHIP COUNCIL. Meeting. Keller Lutheran Church. All heads of organizations, churches, clubs, etc. in Capitol East are invited. 8 pm.

DC RECREATION BOARD. Meeting. (Every 2nd Tues.) 3149 16th NW. 2:30 pm.

15th

SCHOOL BOARD. Meeting. District Building. 14th & E NW. 7:30 pm.

CAPITOL HILL COMMUNITY Council. Meeting. Election of officers. The Council also has tentatively scheduled District Councilman Stanley Anderson as guest speaker.

St. Cecilia's Church, 6th & E, Capitol, 8 pm.

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16th

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19th

EFFORT FROM EX-CONVICTS. EFEC annual meeting and gala. Speeches and refreshments. Public is invited. Lorton Reformatory. Call William Floyd at 544-1366 for details.

20th

FIFTH PRECINCT Advisory Council. Meeting. (Every third Monday) 5th Precinct, 500 E SE. 8:30 pm.

21st

DISTRICT COUNCIL. Meeting. District Bldg. 14th & E NW. 7:30 pm.

24th

MARINE EVENING PARADE. Every Friday throughout spring and summer. Features Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, Silent Drill Team, two parade companies and Marine Band. Concert at 8:30 pm, precedes parade which commences at 9 pm. For reserved seats call 543-1601 at least two weeks in advance. In addition, 1200 unreserved seats are

News Notes

Two join staff

LOLA Singletary and Abdull Azeeze, both formerly with the Near NE anti-poverty program, have joined the staff of the Metropolitan Board of Trade and Northern Systems Co. job training program at the old National Boys' Training School. The program aims to get 1400 persons in jobs within 18 months.

In the running

BOOKER YELDER, acting director of the Near NE anti-poverty program, and Raymond Bade, formerly with SW House, are the two leading contenders for the post of permanent director of the Near NE program.

Lake plans

THE Interior Department is reportedly seeking \$300,000 to commence feasibility studies of the Kingman Lake project and to begin planning for the renovation of the Kemilworth Dump. The lake project would provide a large natural swimming area.

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27th

NEAR NE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB. Business meeting. Calvary Church, 6th & I NE. 7 pm.

NEAR SE NEIGHBORHOOD Advisory Council. Meeting (Every fourth Monday) Friendship House, 619 D SE. 8 pm.

28th

NEAR NE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB SIONAL Council. Meeting (Every last Tues.) Calvary Church, 6th & I NE. 8 pm.

NEAR NE SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB Meeting. Calvary Church, 6th & I NE. 1 pm.

31st

MARINE EVENING PARADE. See May 24th listing.

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